

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Please vote. We can move these along if you pay attention to the Board a little bit. Senator Merz. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: They are adopted. Would you explain the bill, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Barnett has an amendment to it, doesn't he? Briefly, I will move that LR 861 be advanced to E & R Initial. Briefly, what it does is bring Lancaster County into compliance to all the rest of the, and the City of Lincoln, into compliance with all the rest of the counties in the state. Legislation enacted in 1975 put the minimum size at 10 acres. If you wished to subdivide more than that, you had to go through the subdivision permit as required in other areas. Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln, both, and Senator Barnett will add the balance of the county, the bill as introduced referred only to the zoning area of Lincoln. That amendment is necessary, though, so they both are similar. Lancaster County has been in the process for about three, and the City of Lincoln, for about three years in the development of their new comprehensive plan. Many of the ordinances that will be adopted pursuant to the plan, the plan, itself, contemplated that at least the minimum of ten acres would be used for a subdivision. Since it only affects, as a matter of fact, it virtually only affects the District I represent, a little dab of area might be in each of the other Senators from Lancaster County, but it probably is of no concern to anyone else but I believe it ought to be adopted and I also would like to accent Barnett's amendment right off the bat, too.

CLERK: Senator Barnett moves to amend, his amendments are on page 1234 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I just ask for the adoption of the amendment that includes Lancaster County to the bill. It is the only county it includes. The amendment is on page 1234. It says, "area in a county in which is located a city of the primary class", so it just includes Lancaster County. I would ask for the adoption of that amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, here we go again. It only affects Lancaster County. The facts are that at the present time this ten acre stipulation affects virtually all of the state one way or another or, at least, that is the direction in which you are moving. Now the argument is that it is going to decrease urban sprawl. The facts are it is going to increase it. I think you can see readily what is going to happen. In the event that an individual wants to get out of the city, buy a piece of land somewhere and build a house on it, that individual is going to be forced to buy ten acres of land. Now what do you do with ten acres of land? It is not big